

The Voice of Saint Anthony

Monthly Newsletter of Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church

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Father Peter's Message



Christos Anesti!

I pray that you all had an uplifting, memorable Holy Week and a Blessed Pascha! Now that we have experienced the pinnacle of our faith's celebrations, which is Christ's Resurrection, what do we do next? As this is my second year as your paschale.

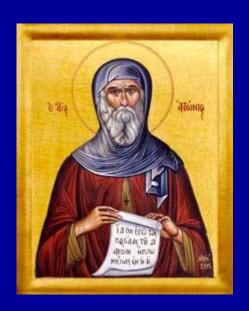
tor, I can only answer the question with what I have observed during these past two years. I have noticed the great number of people attending the services of Great Lent and Holy Week. As your priest, it is very encouraging to see so many in our community actively worshiping God during this special time of year. However, I must admit that last year I was discouraged to see so many stay away from church after Easter. The attendance was markedly lower leading into the summer months. The least attended Sunday service was the First Sunday after Easter, the Sunday of St. Thomas. This indeed is a beautiful service where we sing Christos Anesti and many other beautiful resurrectional hymns. The Gospel reading is about a strong faith that inspires us even though we (ourselves) did not actually see Christ resurrected. "Blessed are those who did not see but believe." I am sure, in each family, there are different good reasons why we cannot attend church on the Sundays following Easter.

Perhaps one of the reasons for low attendance is that some of us are not as familiar with the beauty of the Pentecostarion Period, which consists of the nine Sundays beginning with Easter. Each of these Sundays has its own beauty and splendor, and each has its own special theme. In an effort to help increase our attendance and participation, I thought I should shed some light on the significance of these Sunday services. They are:

- 1. Easter Sunday. The first is the Anastasi (Resurrection) celebrated at midnight Sunday Morning. Just as Christ was resurrected on the third day, we too can be resurrected from death sharing in the same joy of life everlasting with Christ.
- 2. Sunday of Thomas. Jesus reminds us that "Blessed are they who have not seen, yet have believed." The theme is to believe in God even without proof.
- 3. Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women. Even when men scattered and fled, the Myrrh-Bearing Women remained to serve Christ, even in death. We also commemorate Joseph of Arimathea who in spite of criticism and intimidation, went and asked for the body of Christ. He then buried Jesus in his own grave. The theme is courage even in difficult times.

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Sunday Services
Orthos 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Church office hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Closed on Saturday & Sunday

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- 4. Sunday of the Paralytic. The Paralytic had no help except for Christ. No one could lower him into the pool to be healed. The theme: Christ is always there to help us if we ask with love and humility.
- 5. Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. Jesus helps a sinful woman find God. Once she became a Christian she devoted herself to bringing many more to Christ. The theme is Christ loves the sinner but not the sin. He teaches us how to live as good faithful Christians and to spread the Good News of His Gospel .
- 6. Sunday of the Blind Man. A man who was born blind receives his sight from a miracle performed by Jesus. The theme is when we receive blessings from God we should show our gratitude and give thanks to God.
- 7. Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. We honor the church leaders, who after years of persecution, suffering and banishment joined together to define the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church.
- 8. Pentecost Sunday. The Apostles were gathered in a upper room, waiting for the Holy Spirit which descended on them as tongues of fire. The Holy Spirit came upon them on this the 50th day after the resurrection of Christ, blessed them, inspired them, strengthened

them, and sent them out into the world to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. The theme for this Sunday is for all of us to rededicate our lives to Christ. We all seek the Holy Spirit to descend upon us and bless us as the Spirit blessed the Apostles in the upper room.

9. All Saints Day. This is a special day set aside to remember all of the many Saints who lived their lives walking in the way of Christ. The theme is that it is not easy to be a Christian, but we can find the strength from Christ to endure in a difficult world.

It is evident that the themes of these Sundays are inspiring, and that we really should be attending Sunday services and worshiping our God. We should strive to show Him that we love and worship Him even (and especially) after the Paschal Resurrection. Through regular participation in the liturgical life, we increase our knowledge of Him. I pray that our attendance will be greater this year than it was last year. I pray that more of us will be inspired to attend these blessed Liturgies of the Pentecostarion Period and to continue bringing our children to church and Sunday School, that we may continue growing closer to God.

Christos Anesti,

Special thanks to St. Anthony's very own Dean Pappas and his law firm

GOODWIN

PROCTER

for providing pro-bono legal services needed for our Building Program.

Presidents Message

Christos Anesti! May Christ's love shine in our hearts and remind us of the magnificent blessings he bestows upon us in the form of our own **time, treasures, and talents**. I often talk of the church's need for your time, treasures, and talents, but I also think it is important to consider that though we all work very hard to provide for ourselves and our families, it is only with the Grace of God that we are given the time on earth to grow our treasures and cultivate our talents.

I imagine many of you will have heard about the moving and inspirational story of Randy Pausch, a Carnegie Mellon Professor who is dying of pancreatic cancer. He has left his family and the entire world a beautiful reminder of how precious life is through his "The Last Lecture." If you haven't heard about this yet, I personally encourage you to take an hour to hear a replay of his lecture at http://download.srv.cs.cmu.edu/~pausch/. By now, I imagine his book of the same title will have been on the bestseller list for several weeks.

So I reference this particular story to remind myself that it really isn't about what we accumulate in life that matters, but what we actually give back to this world that helps define our time on earth. For those fortunate enough to be blessed with years, financial ability and talents, we have an opportunity to give back and actually make things better.

Our current Building Program and Capital Campaign is just one of many ways we each have an opportunity to make a difference. Clearly, there are many groups that need support – our schools, our hospitals, those less fortunate, and others. However, the most important thing is that we learn to give and, yes, to give sacrificially. I hope you, like my family and many others have done, will start a **life of sacrificial giving** with our Church.

I am thrilled to report that we are making substantial progress with our **Building Program**. We have recently received Plot Plan approval from the County for our project, which means we can place the new building as intended on the property. We have also had our Park-

ing Plan approved and our existing Conditional Use Permit accepted without modification. In addition, we were very pleased that we will be able to conduct more limited geotechnical testing than originally anticipated, which will save us \$50K-\$75K.

Our agreement with **HMC Architects** has been finalized and signed. As with everything we do on this Building Program, we are endeavoring to use the best possible professional services and expertise available to us at St. Anthony. Consistent with this, I wanted to extend a heartfelt thanks to **Dean Pappas** and his law firm, **Goodwin Procter**, who have agreed to assist St. Anthony on a pro bono basis with the negotiation of our architects and construction agreements. Dean, who is one of the leading real estate attorneys in the country, is a wonderful example of bringing the talent we have in our Parish to benefit this project.

Our Capital Campaign for St. Anthony now has total funds collected and pledged of \$5 million. To date, we have received commitments from about 65 families, but need to hear from the 150-200 families in a position to help make this project a reality. While the Capital Campaign Committee is still speaking with a number of individuals, it is truly our hope that parishioners will take the initiative to begin stepping forward and making prayerful gifts to the campaign. We still have several million dollars to raise and these funds need to come from the entire community, not from just a few. This program will only be successful if we have a combination of both very large gifts from a few and varying sized gifts from a very large population of our community.

We have a wonderful opportunity before us to make a meaningful difference for St. Anthony and, thus, for our families and our local community.

Steven Pappas Parish Council President









Sunday Of Orthodoxy



On March 16th of this year the first pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy Ecumenical Service was held at Saint Sophia

Cathedral. The cathedral was packed with approximately 600 fellow Orthodox Christians from the various jurisdictions. There were four bishops present at the Liturgical Service, including our own Metropolitan Gerasimos representing the Greek Orthodox Also present were His Grace community. Bishop Joseph of the Antiochian Orthodox Church, His Grace Bishop Maxim of the Serbian Orthodox Church and His Grace Bishop Benjamin of the Orthodox Church of America (OCA). After a beautiful homily by Metropolitan Gerasimos, the students were dismissed to have a light lunch and refreshments in the courtyard followed by a series of games and projects. Delicious specialty foods were donated from our Orthodox brothers and sisters. Later, the approximate 75 enthusiastic students were joined by the four bishops and numerous priests and parents to hear a presentation by His Grace Bishop Benjamin.



Afterwards, the students from the various parishes addressed questions about our faith to His Grace Bishop Benjamin. The bishop's genuine answers reflected the beauty of our Orthodox Christian faith. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you goes to the young people of St. Anthony's for attending this special service with our fellow Christians.



Family Night Friday, May 2nd, 2008

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. sponsored and donated by Greek Dance (no Potluck). Please come and participate. Because this is bright week there are no fasting regulations!. In addition, teens representing the shelters of Los Angeles Youth Network will attend this special family night. They have offered to perform for us, as they would like to show their appreciation to our community for the support we have given for their programs. As a goodwill gesture some of our dancers will also perform. Please come and be a part of this special night.

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St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church

invites you to another fabulous golf tournament, with the continued vision of building a new Cultural Center and expanding our youth programs. We have planned an extraordinary day that has become an annual tradition synonymous with golf, fun and fellowship. Join us for our 8th Annual Pasadena Golf Classic, as we celebrate with great food, an open roast spit and, of course... ouzo. OPA!

Friday June 13th



Brookside Golf Course

REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN - 10:00 AM
PRE-GAME PUTTING CONTEST- 11:00 AM
SHOTGUN START- 1:00 PM
COURSE #1 • FORMAT STROKE PLAY
COURSE #2 • FORMAT - PINEHURST SCRAMBLE

Banquet at Brookside Country Club

COCKTAILS & SILENT AUCTION - 5:00 PM LOBSTER & STEAK DINNER - 6:30 PM AWARDS CEREMONY

Awards

LOW GROSS & LOW NET • LONGEST DRIVE • STRAIGHTEST DRIVE • CLOSEST TO THE PIN • HOLE-IN-ONE

\$175 Golf Entry Fee Includes:

GOLF CART & GREEN FEE • TEAM PHOTO•REGISTRATION GIFT BAG • LUNCH • DINNER BANOUET • BEVERAGES AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Sponsorship Opportunities

Diamond Sponsor \$10,000

Includes golf for 16 and 16 additional dinners, a Tee sign with your name or company name, special recognition on official publications.

Platinum Sponsor \$7500

Includes golf for 12 and 12 additional dinners, a Tee sign with your name or company name, special recognition on official publications.

Gold Sponsor \$5000

Includes golf for 8 and 8 additional dinners, a Tee sign with your name or company name, special recognition on official publications.

Silver Sponsor \$2500

Includes golf for 4 and 4 additional dinners, a Tee sign with your name or company name, special recognition on official publications.

Hole Sponsor \$1000

Includes golf for 2 plus 2 additional dinners. a Tee sign with your name or company name, special recognition on official publications.

Tee Sign Sponsor \$250

Includes a Tee sign with your name or company name, special recognition on official publications.

Enter Your FOURSOME today!!!

NTRY FORM

Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church • 8th Annual Golf Classic Friday, June 13, 2008 • Brookside Golf Course - Course 1 and Course 2

Name:	Telephone:			
Golfer(s) - @ \$175 per golfer (includes Banquet) Foursome request, on reverse side Banquet Only - \$50.00 per person # of Adults Attending Banquet	I WISH TO BE A:	DIAMOND SPONSOR PLATINUM SPONSOR GOLD SPONSOR SILVER SPONSOR HOLE SPONSOR TEE SPONSOR	\$10,000 \$7,500 \$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000 \$250	

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If you do not indicate Yes, your reservation will not be guaranteed for the Banquet and Entertainment.

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St. Anthony's Greek Folk Dance Groups

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING



Come and register to dance with our award-winning program!

Important information for the 2008-2009 season will be covered: Registration, Dance Board Elections and Fundraising/Diakonia activities. New season will begin the week of May 5.

Wednesday, April 30th 2008 6:30 p.m. in Church Hall

This is a **required** meeting for all parents who are interested in having their children dance and for all dancers interested in dancing with our young adult group, Pyrkagia.

For more information, call Christine Pappas 818-415-5176 or Eleni Vagenas 909-519-7788

PONTIAN GLENDI

Presented by Nikos Savvidis & ENOSIS

Featuring

Michalis Kaliontzidis -Lyra

Saturday, May 24th @ 7 PM

St. Sophia's Church Hall 1324 S. Normandie Ave, Los Angeles CA

Appetizers & No Host Bar

\$50 per person by May 1st \$60 per person after May 1st Children under 12 -- \$30

For information and reservations Call: Eleni Constantine at 310.420.8374 or





Get ready for an outdoor adventure that starts in our own backyard and gets bigger each day.



2008 Vacation Bible School runs

July 28 -August 1*

at St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church in Pasadena

Join us for a 4-day program (9:30 am -12:30 am) with an *optional parents supervised off-site adventure on the 5th day.



All children from Pre-K to 6th grade are welcomed!

To volunteer (teens and adults) or to register, please contact the VBS Park Directors -Christine (818-415-5176) or Irene (626-792-8122).



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June 13			
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July 18 - 19			
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Saturday, May 31, 2008

Foothill Middle School, Arcadia

8:30-9:00 Registration 9:00-4:00 Volleyball 4:00-5:00 G.O.Y.A Alumni Game(s) 5:30 Dinner, Awards and Dance at St. Anthony's

Age Divisions: 12-14 and 15-19
Multiple teams can be entered per division / All teams Co-Ed
\$25.00 per person to play / \$15.00 dinner non-players

Questions: Pana Gelt email: pgelt@socal.rr.com or (626) 293-7588

Upcoming GOYA Spring events

Friday, May 2nd

Family Night-Christ is Risen! Meat fest BBQ Dinner GOYA meeting to follow.

Saturday, May 31st

Volleyball Tournament & Dinner Dance

Friday, June 6th

Elections of GOYA Board

Saturday, June 21st

Surfing/BBQ at the beach, bonfire & smores

The Goyans expressed an interest in more activities. We need more parents and/or young adult volunteers to guide or spearhead activities. They have some great ideas but need some additional help. Please contact Esther Vavoulis at 818-730-5508 with your ideas or to volunteer. This a great group of kids wanting to stay involved. Let's help them!!

GOYA Basketball

Thank you to our senior players that had their final season - We wish them all the best!

Anna Athanasoulis had her best year ever. She played hard, always had a positive attitude, and played as a team player.

Nicole Ayers her kindness and commitment on the court and off the court was always appreciated.

Elizabeth Vagenas made a great late two-point basket in the first playoff game that allowed us to win. She has mastered the pump fake and drive to the basket.

<u>Vasili Kalivas</u> made some great shots and unbelievable passes this year. He worked hard on his game and really worked well with all his teammates.

John Paziouros is the rebounding and blocking star every year. He had one of the most incredible blocks in the St. Nick victory late in the game that made the difference between us winning by one or losing by one.

Dino Vagenas is one of the more athletic players you will ever see play the game and one of the nicest guys you will meet.. He can jump, shoot, and rebound with very little effort and make the difference

GOYA Basketball



Thanks tο Our coaches for their individual commitment to the basketball program throughout the entire 2008 season. I appreciate

all of you for being strong leaders, role models, and coaches to the great teens and young adults of St. Anthony's Church. Our church is very lucky to have all of you step up and be tremendous coaches this and great influences to the kids you coached. Your coaching meant a lot to me, to the church, and more importantly to the kids and their parents. You all represented our church extremely well, and all of you should be very proud of yourself and one another. - Nick Angelos

John Rigas - Junior Girls Head Coach

John, I have great respect and admiration for you. You are a college student, and you have the time, or at least make the time, to drive from school every weekend to coach. You are a tremendous asset to the program.

Nick Buzas - Junior Boys Head Coach

Nick, you did a tremendous job with taking a 19-man roster to an undefeated regular season schedule. What you accomplished was absolutely remarkable, and you should be commended for your ability to coach and manage a team so large in numbers, especially in your first year as a coach. I thank you for a job well done and more.



Dena Romios - Senior Girls Head Coach



Dena, I want to thank you for your first year as a coach. You were able to corral the girls to believe in themselves and that they could win if they just worked hard, ran hard, and tried hard. I can say your girls did all three because I watched all their games, and they always wanted to be competitive. Dena, thanks for getting

the players to commit to the team, play as team, and practice as a team every week.

John Petrov- Senior Boys Head Coach



John, you are a born leader, and it shows when you coach. Your desire to win and having fun doing it shows every time you step on the court with your team. All your boys handled themselves so well during some tough wins and some very tough losses. You did a great job, and I hope you coach again next year.

Assistant coaches: Demitri Angelopoulos, Jim Christos, Tony Christopoulos, Spiro Vagenas, and Ted Attalla

All five of you were a huge help to me and/or to the coaches you assisted during the season. Coaching is hard and even harder when you are alone on the bench with a bunch of players that all want to play. I thank you five for helping the teams, the coaches, and me throughout the year. You all did a lot of behind-the-scenes work that sometimes goes unnoticed by the players and fans. I noticed all the great work you did for me, the coaches, and players, and we cannot thank you five enough. We can always use more coaches, assistant coaches, and scorekeepers. I hope you all can help again next year in any capacity possible. Jim, I single you out because you committed to helping each week, and you did so while still recovering from shoulder surgery. I can't thank you enough for helping all the time. Also, a special thanks to Pete Vagenas for scorekeeping and taking photos.

2008 Team All Stars



Junior Girls - Stefani Angelopoulos

Junior Boys - Elias Sideris

Senior Girls - Anna Athanasoulis

Senior Boys - Billy Kalivas

Nonis Award - Eleni Christodulelis - this award is given to one player per church it is someone who displays teamwork, sportsmanship, and dedicates time to the church and is involved in church life



Jr. Boys Team Coached by Nick Buzas & John Bicos

Christian Balas Lefteri Christodulelis Nick Coutrakon Nicholas Daughters George Dupas David Gelt Hristo Giannoulis Mario Kefalas Kostantinos Kritikos Nicholas Mobayen Harrison Nichols

Andrew Rigas Christos Sarantopoulos Nikos Sarantopoulos Elias Sideris Anthony Vagenas

Billy Vagenas

Jr. Girls Team Coached by John Rigas

Stefani Angelopoulos Stacy Athanasoulis Rebecca Bowers Ana Dewar Katerina Dupas

Christina Karatzas Danae Pappas Staci Sellas Alexandra Vavoulis Christina Vavoulis Katherine Vavoulis

Sr. Girls Team Coached by **Dena Romios**

*Anna Athanasoulis *Nicole Ayers Olga Baroudos Eleni Christodulelis

Irene Kapetanos Patricia Paziouros *Elizabeth Vagenas

Sr. Boys Team **Coached by John Petrov** & Tony Christopoulos

Chris Ayers Peter Kalivas *Vasili Kalivas Nicholas Kritikos *John Paziouros *Dino Vagenas *Final Season

Moms N' Tots

On April 7th. Yiayia Sophia Angelos opened her home to have the Moms N' Tots Easter Party. Nicolette Fuerst did a wonderful job of organizing the very fun event, which included an Easter egg hunt, crafts projects, lunch and jumpy house. Thank you to all who attended and helped! The Moms N' Tots group welcome you to their upcoming events!

May 5 - Class at church in the playroom with a Mother's Day project

May 12 - Class at church in the playroom

May 19 - Class at church in the playroom. Bring your bikes, scooters, etc., to decorate for a red, white and blue parade

May 26 - NO CLASS (Memorial Day Holiday)

June 2 - LAST CLASS (Party -- details to follow)















Metropolis Summer Camps & Youth Events

METROPOLIS SUMMER CAMP 2008

Session I: July 6-12; Session II: July 13-19; Session III: July 20-26

Once again, the Metropolis of San Francisco will offer Summer Camp at St. Nicholas Ranch. There's no question that camps and retreats have continually proven to be a positive and life-transforming experience that strengthens our faith. Anyone 8 (or entering the third grade in Sept. 2008) to 17 years old (or Spring 2008 high school graduate) is invited to be a camper. Each session is one week. Session 1 begins on Sunday, July 6, Session 2 on July 13, and Session 3 on July 20. Summer Camp is a week of fun, fellowship and faithbuilding. Campers will have the opportunity to meet other youth from different regions of our Metropolis, while participating in the following camp activities: campfires, theater, hiking, pool time, Olympics, athletics, capture the flag, dodgeball, Orthodox Challenge sessions, stargazing and much more. Campers will also be offered a rich liturgical experience with Orthros, Vespers and Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in coming to camp, you can get more information and download the forms from the Youth and Family Ministries webpage at:

http://www.youth.sanfran.goarch.org/

COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS

Orientation Week: June 29-July 5;

Even though summer is a few months away, it'll be here before you know it. If you're still making plans for July, I encourage you to consider being a counselor at the Metropolis Summer Camp at St. Nicholas Ranch. One of the most meaningful experiences one can have is as a camp counselor. There aren't many things that can compare to being a positive role model for young people and helping them to grow closer to the Church. Not only will you make a difference in the lives of our youth, but you'll also meet other young adults from all over the Metropolis (and outside of it), with whom you'll form longlasting friendships. If you're 20 years old or over, love working with youth, and want to help kids grow closer to the Church, then I recommend you apply to be a counselor at Summer Camp.

Counselors are encouraged to be there for the entire time but it's not mandatory. If you are interested in being a counselor, please download all forms from the Youth and Family Ministries webpage at:

http://www.youth.sanfran.goarch.org/

If you have any questions or concerns about Summer Camp, please contact Youth & Family Ministries Director Pete Sotiras: (415) 753-3075 (office) or sfy-outh@sanfran.goarch.org Summer Camp is one of the best experiences of the year. Hope to see you there!

Apply now to be a camp counselor at Saint Sophia Camp!

The Saint Sophia Camp Committee is looking for highly motivated, responsible and enthusiastic young adults over 18 to be camp counselors this summer.

The first week is scheduled from Sunday, July 27th through Saturday, August 2nd; and the second week will be from Sunday, August 2nd through Saturday, August 9th. There will be a \$100 stipend, per week, offered to counselors.

We will be holding camp this summer at Camp Seeley, which is located in the San Bernardino Mountains. Applications are online at www.saintsophiacamp.org.

You may also contact our administrative assistant, Vicki Kades, by phone at 310-869-4499 or <u>saintsophiacamp@gmail.com</u>, for more information.

Registration for campers will begin May 5th at www. Saintsophiacamp.org

St. Anthony V.I.P. News

One of the best-kept secrets as St. Anthony's is the *VIP* group. This organization is for all seniors of the parish to enjoy fellowship not only at their monthly meetings but on the occasional excursions to local attractions. Many ideas are in the planning stages for visits in and around the local area, as well as for some overnight trips as well.

By the time you read this, the *VIPs* will have held a raffle on Palm Sunday for an exquisite handcrafted floral and butterfly quilt created by the ladies of the sewing group under the watchful and creative eyes of Yiota Poulos and Aliki Haralambos. These women worked painstakingly for months, resulting in a one-of-akind creation. There is no doubt that the raffle

will exceed our expectations!

We would be remiss if we did not extend our gratitude and appreciation to Katherine Skandale, our immediate past president of the VIPs. Katherine devoted many hours over the years to bring our senior group to where we are today. What a wonderful job she has done – thank you, Katherine!

We our extending an invitation to all seniors to join us on Thursday, May 8^{th,} at Twohey's restaurant for a breakfast "Appreciation" meeting. We will be at meeting at 10 a.m. Please call at 626.445.6645 no later than May 5th if you plan to attend.

Rummage Sale

Save the date!!!

The Seniors will be holding their rummage sale on Friday and Saturday

July 18-19, 2008

Please remember to save all your old and

unwanted items. Since we do not have storage space in the hall, we would appreciate your keeping your items until the week of July 13th.

Thank you for supporting us. If you have any questions, please call Katherine Skandale (818) 790-5028.

Greek Fest Ad Book Forms Available Now!

All ad book submissions must be turned in by **August 15th**

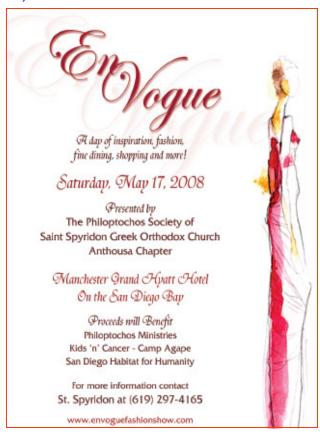
Forms are available online at www.Saint-Anthonys.org or contact the church office.

For more information please contact Michele Bissias at 818-952-9514 or by email, mercinedesign@aol.com.

Save the Weekend...

50th Annual Greek Fest

Sept. 19, 20, 21, 2008!



Philoptochos

St. Anthony Philoptochos Board President, Maria Kokoris, 1st Vice President Maria Hronas, 2nd Vice President Dorothea Malina and Secretary Fontaine Malisos attended a Lenten conference and retreat at St. Nicholas Ranch on April 11 -13. Metropolis Philoptochos Board member Judie Christopoulos also attended the retreat. The weekend was highlighted by fellowship and prayer. Inspirational speakers included Fr. Earl Cantos, Fr. and Presbytera Jim Pappas of Freseno, Eve Tibbs, and Kathy Lingus.

St. Anthony Philoptochos will be awarding scholarships in the amount of \$500 to worthy graduating high school seniors who are continuing their education. Please contact Irene Albeck for an application and the rules and regulations for this scholarship award. Completed applications must be returned to the church office by May 30, 2008.

We are in the process of finalizing the St. Anthony Philoptochos Membership Directory. Don't miss out on being listed as a Philoptochos member in the directory. Please send your membership dues (if you have not already done so for 2008) to Vangie Dupas immediately so you may be included in the directory.

The 2008 Holiday Benefit Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 6, at The Langham, Huntington Hotel & Spa, Pasadena (formerly The Ritz Carlton). Anyone interested in joining the Holiday Benefit Luncheon Committee should contact Maria Kokoris.

May General Meeting: Our next General meeting will be held Wednesday, May 28th, at the home of Athena Dallas in Glendale. In addition to our monthly speaker, we will begin to support the Bead for Life program which eradicates poverty —one Bead at a time. Bead fof Life is a model of empowering African women to help find solutions to poverty. Since 2004, Bead for Life has provided sustainable income for Ugandan women and their families by selling their beautiful jewelry, handmade from recycled paper. The women are HIV+ mothers and refugees from a brutal civil war.

Before these Ugandan women began participating in the Bead for Life program, they struggled to get by on less than \$1 a day. The beads have generated income, food, medicine, school fees -- and hope. All profits from Bead for Life are invested in community development projects which generate income and helps people work their way out of poverty. The beads range in price from about \$10-\$35. For more information, go to www.beadforlife.org.

June Past President's Dinner Meeting:

Mark your calendars and please plan to attend the Philoptochos Past Presidents dinner meeting Wednesday, June 18. Watch for the meeting notification flyer for more details.

Community Outreach:

The Pasadena Union Station needs your support by volunteering to help serve dinners on the first Wednesday of each month. For information, please call Irene Albeck at (626) 792-8122.

Coffee Hour:

If you would like to host a Church Coffee Hour, please contact Maria Kypreos at (626) 914-6269.

Submitted by Pamela Buzas

Stewardship (as of April 17)

- 1. Rev. Peter & Presv. Aida **Stratos**
- 2. Presv. Maria Mylonas
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- 4. Akopiantz, Aphie
- 5. Akrotirianakis, Barbara & **Nicholas**
- 6. Akrotirianakis, Joseph N.
- 7. Albeck, Gregory
- 8. Albeck, Irene
- 9. Alex, Helen & †Larry
- 10. Angelos, Nicholas
- 11. Angelos, Sophia & James
- 12. Anton, Helen & Gus
- 13. Arapostathis, Mary
- 14. Athans, Tina & Dean P.
- 15. †Attalla, Maryam
- 16. Attalla, Philip "Ted"
- 17. Bacoyianis, Sotiria
- 18. Balas, Argiro Julie & Dino
- 19. Becker, Connie & Brian
- 20. Betinis, Harriet,
- 21. Bicos. Eleni & Chris
- 22. Bicos, Kalli & Dino
- 23. Bicos, Mary & Soterios
- 24. Bicos, Sophia & Steve Corvelo
- 25. Bicos, Marietta & Steve
- 26. Blaszcak, Georgia & Frank
- 27. Bogosyan, Margarita
- 28. Bonorris, Donna & Pete
- 29. Bonorris, Helen
- 30. Bouras, Tom Athanasios
- 31. Bowers, Connie & Terree
- 32. Bozikis, Demetra
- 33. Broussinos, Angeliki & Chris
- 34. Brown, Niki
- 35. Burkard, Penelope & Frank
- 36. Buzas, Pamela & John
- 37. Caire, Terese & John
- 38. Chames, Jim
- 39. Christodoulelis, Eva & Charles
- 40. Christodoulelis, Helen
- 41. Christodoulelis, Tanya & Jimmy
- 42. Christodoulou, Christine & Christakis
- 43. Christopoulos, Judie & Gus
- 44. Christopoulos, Karen & Thomas
- 45. Christy, Angene
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- 47. Courlas, Georgia & George

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- beth&Demetrios
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- 73. Giannoulias, Eftehia & Andreas
- 74. Gittings, Maria & Bryan
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- 77. Halkias, James T.
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- 79. Haralambos, Anthony & Kathleen
- 80. Haralambos, Page & Thomas
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- 83. Housos, Dena & Gus
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- 92. Kaplanis, Joan & Peter
- 93. Kappos, Anthia

- 94. Karagias, Helen & Tasos
- 95. Karaioannoglou, Jeanne &
- Phaedon
- 96. Karamaras, Andriana & John
- 97. Karatzas, Chris
- 98. Karvelas, Kosta & Marina
- 99. Kasdagli, Dimitra & Mark Nastri
- 100.Katem, Basil N.
- 101.Katsas, Alexandra K.
- 102.Katsas, Asimina & Andreas
- 103. Katsenis, Peter,
- 104.Kefalas, Evelyn & John
- 105.Kefalas, Nina & Modestos
- 106.Kefallinos, Vicky & Nick
- 107. Kiotas, Stavrula & Alex
- 108. Kirimis, George D.
- 109.Kitridou, Rodanthi C.
- 110.Kleissas, Athena & Nick
- 111.Kokoris, Maria & Nicholas
- 112.Kolokotrones, Carolyn & James A.
- 113. Koudanis, Helen & George
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- 115. Kundanis, Christine
- 116.Lagousis, Kendra & Ted
- 117.Lakon, Christa & Paul
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- 132. Mandosadjian, Sonia
- 133.Martin, Debbie & Sam
- 134. Mathioulakis, Claudia & Stan
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- 136.Mavredakis, Vivian & George
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- 140.McNulty, Jennie & Chris

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235.Zarifes, Tina & Peter

OUR CHURCH COSTS TOO MUCH!

A certain Christian once said to a friend, "Our church costs too much. They are always asking for money."

"Some time ago a little boy was born in our home," replied her friend. "He cost me a lot of money from the very beginning: he had a big appetite, he needed clothes, medicine, toys, and even a puppy. Then he went to school, and that cost a lot more; later he went to college, then he began dating, and that cost a small fortune! But in his senior year at college he died, and since the funeral he hasn't cost me a penny. Now which situation do you think I would rather have?"

After a significant pause she continued, "As long as this Church lives it will cost. When it dies for want of support, it won't cost anything. A living Church has the most vital message for all the world today, therefore I am going to give and pray with everything I have to keep the Church alive."



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